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The Calvin Ball Bulletin

A bulletin to keep you and your neighbors informed of current news and happenings in our community. If you do not get this bulletin directly, feel free to email me at cball@howardcountymd.gov and I will be sure to get you on the list.

For more District 2 News go to our website at:
www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CC_DistrictTwo.htm

****Important Relocation Information****

Howard County Government Offices to move October 17 through November 2

Starting October 17 (thru November 2, 2008) Howard County Government Offices located in the Howard, Carroll and Ligon Buildings will begin temporarily relocating to **8930 Stanford Boulevard, Columbia, Maryland, 21045**

Phone numbers and the mailing address will remain the same.
We apologize for any inconvenience.

For specific moves dates by department please click the following link
http://www.howardcountymd.gov/portalservices/portaldocs/hoco_move_schedule.pdf

The States Attorney's Office and the Police Department will not be relocating.

Directions to 8930 Stanford Boulevard:

From Ellicott City:

Take US Route 29 South towards Columbia
Take Exit 20A – MD Route 175 East towards LAUREL
Take a RIGHT onto S. Dobbin Road
Take a LEFT onto Stanford Blvd.
Building and parking lot will be on your immediate LEFT.

From points South:

Take US 29 North towards Baltimore
Take Exit 20A – MD Route 175 East towards LAUREL
Take a RIGHT onto S. Dobbin Road
Take a LEFT onto Stanford Blvd.
Building and parking lot will be on your immediate LEFT.

For further information, please call **410-313-2022**.

We Want To Hear From You!

The link below will navigate you to a list of meetings open to the public. If you have specific questions please call the contact number listed for that meeting.

http://www.co.ho.md.us/News/HCG_Portal_PublicMeetings.htm

How Can You Participate in Howard County Government?

This is your chance to stay informed and involved! Your comments are welcome as the County Council reviews legislation. You may testify in person or simply submit your testimony by email or fax. All legislative public hearings will take place in the Banneker Room of the George Howard Building. Click the following link for the Council's calendar of meetings

http://www.co.ho.md.us/CountyCouncil/CC_Legislative_CouncilCalendar.htm

View the Council's Current Legislation and Stay Informed

The County Council is responsible for adopting the laws of the County. The legislative process generally follows a monthly cycle. To view legislation under consideration by the Council, please click on the following link

http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/Legislative_Pending.htm

Boards and Commissions Vacancies

Persons interested in applying for a Board or Commission are invited to view the following link

http://www.howardcountymd.gov/PortalServices/HC_BoardsandCommissions.htm

Report an Illegal Sign

You can help us by reporting Illegal Signs with a new online form. The form is available at the following link

http://www.howardcountymd.gov/DILP/Permits/Permits_signs_Illegal.asp .

Please be sure to describe the location of the illegal sign in the free-form textual area at the bottom of the form.

For further information on the County's sign code, the sign permit application process, sign sizes, fees and for other answers to frequently asked questions, visit the Department of Inspections, Licenses & Permits page on the County's website

http://www.howardcountymd.gov/DILP/DILP_HomePage.htm or call DILP at 410-313-1830.

Pardon Our Dust!

You may have seen or may see some road work in your neighborhood. Howard County Department of Public Works will be conducting the following construction projects. Additional information is provided below describing the details of such projects.

Dobbin Road Lane Addition, Capital Project J-4211

Project Manager: Buck Bohmer, 410-313-2430

Start: March 2008 **End:** (unknown; utility-related delays)

Traffic: Flagging as needed. Signs in place to advise motorists of construction.

Additional Impact: Existing right lane on northbound Dobbin Road will be closed during work hours, **9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Reason/Details: Construct right turn lane from northbound McGaw Road onto eastbound Dobbin Road.

Elkridge Water Main Improvements to Begin

A Howard County water main project to replace a corroding water main in the Elkridge area is scheduled to begin on or about **Thursday, August 21**. The project will include water main replacement at Montgomery Road and Lawyers Hill Road. During the project, Lawyers Hill Road between Montgomery Road and Summer Home Terrace will be open to local, official, emergency and school bus traffic only. General traffic will be diverted to Maryland Route 1. Weather permitting the project should be completed by mid-September.

Road closure signs and variable message boards will be posted in the area to advise motorists of the temporary detour. Additionally, a recorded message **at 410-313-4604** will carry details and updates.

For questions or concerns about **Capital Project W-8257**, contact Lisa Brightwell, Public Works Customer Service, at **410-313-3440**, or by e-mail to publicworks@howardcountymd.gov

Jones Road Sewer Main Extension to Begin

A Howard County construction project along Jones Road between Mary Lane and Rose Lane in Jessup, is scheduled to begin on or about **Tuesday, September 2**. The project will consist of the installation, completion and placement of approximately 1,211 linear feet of 8-inch diameter sanitary sewer main and five sewer manholes. Weather permitting the project should be completed by **Friday, October 10**.

Most of the construction will take place on the shoulder of Jones Road. There may be slight delays during the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. during the week as a result of slow moving traffic. Flagging operations will be in place to direct traffic as needed, and signs will be posted to advise motorists of the construction.

For questions or concerns about **Capital Project S-6243**, contact Lisa Brightwell, Public Works Customer Service, at **410-313-3440**, or by e-mail to publicworks@howardcountymd.gov

Mission Road Water Main Extension to Begin

A Howard County construction project to build a water main along Mission Road in the Jessup area is scheduled to begin on or about Monday, September 8. The project will include construction of approximately 1,000 linear feet of 8-inch water main. During the project, westbound traffic on Mission Road from the intersection of Pleasant Chase Road will be periodically shifted to the eastbound lane of Mission Road. Weather permitting the project should be completed by mid-October.

Flagging operations will be in place to direct traffic as needed, and signs will be posted to advise motorists of the construction.

For questions or concerns about **Capital Project W-8698**, contact Lisa Brightwell, Public Works Customer Service, at **410-313-3440**, or by e-mail to publicworks@howardcountymd.gov

Jumpstart's Read for the Record at Thunder Hill Elementary School – October 2nd!

Join us by reading Corduroy on October 2nd - One day...One book...for children everywhere

You can help Thunder Hill Elementary School (THES) set a new World's Record! **On October 2nd**, the THES faculty, PTA, and hundreds of others across the nation will bring national attention to the importance of early childhood education and make Jumpstart's Read for the Record the largest shared reading experience ever.

This is a wonderful opportunity to help make a difference by reading to one child in your life as well as support early education opportunities for all children. THES will support Jumpstart and read the official campaign book, Corduroy, on October 2, 2008, to help break the world record of 258,000 set in 2007 and participate in this shared reading experience.

To help celebrate, THES is also hosting neighborhood preschoolers and their caregivers and we would love to host you as well. Please join our event being held in the THES Cafeteria, 9357 Mellenbrook Road, Columbia from 9:30 – 10:00 a.m. In addition, special guest readers from the HCPSS Central Office, HC Board of Education, and County Council will read Corduroy to each class throughout the day. For more information, please contact Julie Brinkley at thespta@gmail.com.

This year, the Pearson Foundation, working with the PTA national organization, is providing an additional incentive for PTAs to participate in the campaign. By **reading Corduroy on October 2, 2008 at school, THES is eligible to receive literature books valued at \$1,000 for our school library. Please visit www.pearsonfoundation.org/pta to register.** For additional ways to support Jumpstart's efforts, including book donations to low-income

communities, please visit the campaign website at www.readfortherecord.org

CA Citizens Advisory Committee To Aid In The Selection Of CA'S Next President – Applications Now Being Accepted

The Columbia Association deadline for residents to apply to the Citizens Advisory Committee to aid in the selection of CA's next president is **Friday, Oct. 3**.

Members of the committee will assist the CA Board of Directors in the recruitment, selection and appointment process for the next CA president, serving in an advisory role to the CA Board and working with an executive search firm. Members will be expected to review resumes, develop a best-qualified list, interview candidates, make recommendations for the final selection and assist in developing a plan to introduce the new president to the community.

The committee will be comprised of up to 21 members of the community, including at least one resident from each of the 10 villages and no more than three members from any one village. Members must live on CA-assessed land and have strong business acumen and experience in managing organizations, corporations or agencies. Applicants should not have significant business or financial involvement with CA or with organizations that do significant business with CA.

Members will be required to actively participate in regular and special committee meetings. They will also be required to sign a non-disclosure agreement. The committee will be active at least through February 2009.

Those interested can apply online at www.ColumbiaAssociation.org/NextPresident. Alternately, residents may submit letters of intent via mail, explaining why they wish to serve and their qualifications, to Columbia Association, Attn: Janet Loughran, 10221 Wincopin Circle, Suite 100, Columbia, MD 21044.

Applications are due by Friday, Oct. 3. The CA Board Operations Committee will review candidates for the committee and recommend appointments to the CA Board in October.

Oakland Mills Cultural Arts Festival - Saturday, October 4, 2008

11 – 4 p.m. at the OM Village Center & Courtyard. Rain or Shine.

Continuous Entertainment, Crafts for Kids, Fabulous Crafts, Jewelry and more for sale! Community Service Project for “Operation Welcome Home”, Non-Profits Displays, Wellness Screening, Great Festival Food!

For more information on the festival contact Susan Azoulay, OM Event Coordinator at omcaprog@columbiavillages.org or 410-730-4610.

Empty Bowls Project Feeds Hungry

Columbia Art Center will hold Empty Bowls, a community fundraising event to help fight hunger in Howard County, on **Saturday, Oct. 4; from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.** Tickets are \$20, with proceeds being donated to Meals on Wheels and Aids Alliance of Howard County. Attendees will have the opportunity to select from more than 300 one-of-a-kind handcrafted ceramic bowls that have been made over the past year. Admission also includes dinner, studio demonstrations and live music. Guests may participate in a silent auction featuring works by 20 local artists who have contributed paintings, photographs, fiber, jewelry and ceramics; and enter raffle drawings.

Columbia Art Center donated the materials and space for the event. Local artists, community musicians, area restaurants and businesses have contributed food, supplies, materials, artwork and gifts for the event. Empty Bowls will be held at Columbia Art Center, located at 6100 Foreland Garth in Columbia. For more information or to

purchase tickets, please call **410-730-0075** or e-mail Art.Staff@ColumbiaAssociation.com.

Free Informational Workshop Scheduled October 6 - Howard County Accepting Applications for Moderate Income Housing Unit Program

Beginning October 1, Howard County's Department of Housing and Community Development will be taking applications for the October enrollment period for the County's moderate income housing unit (MIHU) program. The MIHU program is an inclusionary zoning program that requires developers of new housing in certain zoning districts to sell or rent some of the new dwelling units to households of moderate income. The program offers quality new homes at reduced prices, and rents to eligible families. **The application deadline is October 31, 2008.**

In addition, County Executive Ulman announced that the County will hold an "MIHU Buyers and Renters Workshop" on **October 6, 2008, in Room 6 of the Gateway Building, 6751 Columbia Gateway Drive in Columbia from 7 to 9 p.m.** The workshop is open to the public and will assist potential MIHU homebuyers and renters by explaining the program's eligibility and application process. The workshop will include representatives from some of the current MIHU builders.

Three-bedroom townhome MIHUs, as well as one, two and three-bedroom apartments, are now available in Belmont Station, near Route 1 in Elkridge. In addition, the Elkridge Crossing, Village Towns and Howard Square subdivisions, also near Route 1, are offering three-bedroom townhomes and two-bedroom condominium apartments.

To buy an MIHU, individuals must first apply to the County's Department of Housing and Community Development to be placed on a waiting list. To be eligible to purchase, an applicant's household income may not exceed 80% of the Howard County median – currently \$75,408 for a family of four. Base sales prices for MIHUs range from about \$100,000 for a condominium to about \$240,000 for a single-family home. Prices vary depending on the type, size and amenities of the units.

MIHU enrollment periods for purchase opportunities are held quarterly. The next MIHU lottery is anticipated to be held in mid-November. Interested persons should visit the County website for information about the program at www.howardcountymd.gov, or call the Department of Housing & Community Development at **410-313-6318**.

10th Annual 50+EXPO Promises to Inform and Entertain!

Friday, October 17, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Wilde Lake High School, 5460 Trumpeter Road, Columbia

The popular 50+EXPO is back for a 10th consecutive year with old favorites and new features designed to educate, inform and entertain. This not-to-be-missed event includes over 140 exhibitors and targets adults 50-and-over, their families and caregivers. Admission is free. For information call the 50+EXPO hotline at **(410) 313-6406** or TTY at **(410) 313-5927**.

Contact: Shelley Garten, Office on Aging, **410-313-6410**

2008 Fire Expo – October 19th!

Sunday, October 19, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Oakland Mills High School, 9410 Kilimanjaro Road, Columbia

Meet the public safety folks who protect our lives and property day and night – 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. There will be informational booths, demonstrations and activities that include an auto rescue, a simulated car fire, kids fire safety course, face painting, food and more. Admission is free.

Department of Recreation & Parks Announces Deer Management Program for 2008-2009

The Howard County Department of Recreation & Parks has announced its fall/winter schedule of managed deer hunts. The hunts will be held in an effort to help maintain a stable, balanced white-tailed deer population in our parks where deer browsing has been shown to reduce biodiversity.

Since the program began in 1998, there has been an observable improvement in habitat quality and vegetation abundance in many of the parks where managed hunting has taken place. As a result, the amount of hunting in Alpha Ridge Park, David Force Park, High Ridge Park and the Middle Patuxent Environmental Area has been reduced to a level needed to manage deer abundance and protect natural resources. The County has reduced the number of managed hunting days by two. This year's managed hunts will include a combination of bow and shotgun hunting. **Hunting hours are from dawn until 12 noon**, and each park will be closed for all other uses during this time. The hunting schedule is as follows:

Alpha Ridge Park:

Bow & Shotgun November 17

Blandair Park:

Bow Hunting October 8, 22; November 5, 19;
December 3, 17; January 29

David Force Park:

Bow & Shotgun October 16, 30; November 13;
December 18; January 15; February 5

High Ridge Park:

Bow & Shotgun

December 4

NEW!! FREESTYLE – Teen Drop In Center in Jessup!

Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks is opening Freestyle, a new teen drop-in center at **Ridgely's Run Community Center, 8400 Mission Road, Jessup, MD.**

Directions From Columbia Mall: Take MD-175 East. Turn right onto Washington Blvd. /US 1. Turn right onto Missions Road (Community Center on right hand side). **ONLY 10 MINUTES FROM DOWNTOWN COLUMBIA!**

Freestyle is a new teen drop-in program where teens can come hang out together. Freestyle is a program designed for teens by teens. Freestyle provides a safe haven for teens entering 7th-12th grades to get away from it all. The center offers a choice of hanging out with friends, playing basketball and video games, listening to music, having a snack at the Snack Shop and other activities. The center will be open from 6:00PM to 9:30PM on

September 25th: Guitar Hero Tournament

October 16th: Dance with Live DJ

October 30th: Halloween Party w/Costume Contest

November 13th: Fall Dance w/Live DJ

December 4th: Holiday Party!

The cost: \$5. Registration is not required. For more details **contact** Danielle Bassett at 410-313-1693 or dbassett@howardcountymd.gov

KLEENEX® tissue box tabs = FREE Scholastic books at Thunder Hill Elementary School

It really is that easy! For every 30 KLEENEX® tissue box tabs (the top tab you tear off when opening a new box of KLEENEX® tissues), the teachers and Reading Specialists at Thunder Hill Elementary School (THES) can earn 15 Scholastic books. The website for this

program is: <http://www.scholastic.com/kleenex/pdfs/Kleenex-BookBoost.pdf>.

Please help the teachers and students at THES easily earn these books for their classrooms and forward this information to your family, friends and neighbors. We will start mailing in the tabs in 30 tab increments on **August 15**, and this program ends on **November 15, 2008**.

If you have KLEENEX® tissue box tabs, please drop them off at Thunder Hill Elementary School, provide them to any THES student (school starts on August 25th!), or contact Julie Brinkley, PTA President so she can arrange to pick up the tabs.

Thank you for assisting the PTA with this exciting and rewarding program!

Julie Brinkley
PTA President
410-458-8012
brinkleyfam@hotmail.com

Columbia Association Seeks Senior Advisors

The Columbia Association (CA) is seeking residents to serve a one-year term on the Senior Advisory Committee. The goals of this committee are to advise the CA Board of Directors on the needs, interests and concerns of Columbia's senior residents and to increase the public awareness of Columbia's seniors as a distinct and active population.

Nominees must be at least 55 years of age and have demonstrated interest in the senior population. Letters of interest should be mailed to Michelle Miller, Columbia Association, 10221 Wincopin Circle, Columbia, MD 21044, faxed to **410-715-3042** or e-mailed to **Michelle.Miller@ColumbiaAssociation.com**. For more information, please call **Michelle Miller at 410-715-3170**.

Howard County Police Officers to Focus on Speed Enforcement in School Zones

As children prepare to return to school next week, Howard County Police are working to ensure that students, parents and teachers arrive safely. Through a continuing back-to-school program, officers will focus on enforcing speed, seat belt and child safety seat laws in school zones.

The **H.A.S.T.E. program (Helping Arriving Students Through Enforcement)** was implemented several years ago by the Howard County Police Department to raise awareness about traffic safety in school zones.

Targeted patrols will be in place on roadways surrounding elementary, middle and high schools for the first two weeks of the school year. Officers will be working to identify drivers who are speeding in those areas.

In addition to keeping pedestrians from harm, police will work to keep those in vehicles safe as well. As parents and high-school students drive to school, officers will check for seat belt and child safety seat use to ensure that all children, teenagers and adults are properly restrained.

Police also are reminding drivers that they are required to stop for school buses with red lights flashing. Officers in covert vehicles will follow school buses to watch for drivers who fail to stop. **The fine for this violation is \$570.**

Officers will focus not only on the roads around the schools, but will be working inside the schools as well. Police are again conducting mandatory traffic safety seminars for students applying for school parking permits, who must attend with their parents. The police

department will continue to conduct traffic safety education and enforcement efforts throughout the school year.

Start a Neighborhood Watch Program in Your Community!

The Neighborhood Watch Program involves the joint efforts of the Howard County Police Department and the community, designed to enhance neighborhood security, heighten the community's power of observation, and to encourage mutual assistance and concern among neighbors. Contact Officer **Rick Cumby or Roger Hultgren**, Howard County OM Policing office at **410-313-5805**, to schedule a neighborhood watch presentation for your neighborhood.

Make a Difference for a Howard County Senior!

Be a Neighbor Ride volunteer driver and make a difference to a Howard County senior. Daytime, evening and weekend volunteer opportunities are available. Seniors are able to maintain their quality of life by attending activities when transportation is available. Call **410-884-7433** for more information.

Assistance for Seniors to Get Out and About! - CA's Senior Shuttle for Cultural Events

The Columbia Association's Senior Advisory Committee sponsors a FREE curb-to-curb evening and weekend transportation shuttle to cultural events throughout Howard County for groups of 4 or more seniors ages 60 and over. For complete details call CA at **410-715-3087**.